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The Honorable Edmund Muskie
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate for 1980, will be visiting the United States during the third week in November. Mr. Perez Esquivel, Secretary General of the "Service for Peace and Justice in Latin America" headquartered in Buenos Aires, will be in Washington, D. C. November 19-20 to discuss his work for human rights, peace and social justice through non-violent means in Latin America and Argentina.

Perez Esquivel, a former professor of architecture and Roman Catholic lay leader, has been actively involved in the formation and continuing work of other church affiliated human rights and social action groups including: "Coordinator of Christian Groups and Organizations," "Ecumenical Movement for Human Rights," and the "Permanent Assembly for Human Rights."

Perez Esquivel's selection represents an important gesture on the part of the Nobel Committee which draws world attention to the work of all individuals dedicated to a non-violent struggle for peace, human rights and social justice.

We are writing to request an appointment with you for Adolfo Perez Esquivel on November 19 or 20.

Respectfully awaiting your response.

Cordially yours,

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